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Blue Marsh Lake Recreation to reopen

PHILADELPHIA, PA (Sept. 15, 2011) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Philadelphia District will reopen the Blue Marsh Lake Recreation area following a week long closure as a result of a high pool level and high water releases as a result of Tropical Storm Lee.

The recreation areas will reopen at noon Sept. 16. Lake levels have been reduced to a point where the Boat Launches, Day Use Area, Stilling Basin and remote parking areas can be accessed by the public.

Boaters are advised to use caution as floating and submerged debris may be present in the lake. The connector trail between the Stilling Basin and Reber's Bridge and the Nature trails will also be opened to the public. The main hiking trail remains temporarily closed as many of the foot bridges have washed off of their foundations. All users are reminded to use care when partaking in recreation activities, as the high pool may have changed some of the natural features at the project.

Volunteers who wish to assist with trail cleanup can meet at the Visitor Center at 9 a.m. Sept. 24. The cleanup will coincide with National Public Lands Day.

The Corps will also wave the user fee for the rest of the recreation season due to the inconvenience that the closure caused to our projects visitors.

Following rains associated with the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee, the dam pool elevation reached a record level of 309.38 feet at 1:00 a.m. Sept. 9, surpassing the 2006 high pool level of 309.19 feet.

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